

Remarks/Arguments

The specification is amended to include the missing serial number at paragraph [0013], and paragraph [0012] is amended to delete an additional period at the end of the paragraph.

Claims 6 - 9 are allowed. Claims 12 - 16, 18 and 20 are indicated to have allowable subject matter. Claims 12, 13, 16, 18 and 20 are now written in independent form and claim 19 is amended to depend from allowable claim 18. Claims 10, 11 and 17 are canceled. Therefore, claims 6 - 9, 12 - 16 and 18 - 20 are believed to be in order for allowance.

Claim 1, rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Gaul 3,466,857, is amended to more clearly set forth the open top structure between the duct outlet and the rear wall of the receptacle, as well as the hood structure which opens downwardly into the open top. Note that Gaul shows an arcuate cotton cleaning housing with a generally closed bottom portion over the receptacle 51. In addition, the outlet of the duct 29 of Gaul is not adjacent the hopper 39. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to clearly and patentably define over the Gaul reference, and claim 1 as well as claims 2 - 5 dependent therefrom are believed to be in order for allowance.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

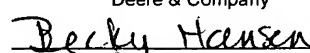
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